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## Former MDOC officer arraigned for alleged role in assault of fellow corrections officer



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BARAGA COUNTY, Mich. (WLUC) - A former Michigan Department of Corrections corrections officer has been arraigned on a felony charge after opening a prison cell door, which led to the assault of another MDOC corrections officer.

On March 28, Shelby Pennock was working in a cell block at the Baraga Correctional Facility alongside another MDOC corrections officer, the Michigan State Police said in a Monday afternoon press release.

While the officer was doing a separate task, Pennock allegedly opened the inmate's cell door intentionally, "knowing that her actions would result in a physical assault on another corrections officer." The release says after the door was opened, the inmate immediately exited the cell and began assaulting the other corrections officer.

"The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries after being placed in a headlock and repeatedly struck with closed-fist blows to the head and upper body before he, with the assistance of additional staff, was able to subdue the inmate," the release said.



The release says Pennock also sustained non-life-threatening injuries after the inmate assaulted her. MDOC reported the incident to the MSP and a detective from the Calumet Post led the investigation.

After an investigation between MDOC and MSP was completed, the case was submitted to the Baraga County Prosecutor's Office for review. After that, the prosecutor authorized one count of assault of a prison employee against Pennock.

The release says charges were also sought for the inmate. Two felony charges of assault of a prison employee and prison - possess weapon. The prisoner was served the charges and remains incarcerated with the MDOC. His arraignment on these charges is still pending.

On July 14, Pennock was arraigned in the 97th District Court in Baraga/L'Anse on one

felony count of assault of a prison employee. Bond was set at \$500, and her next court appearance is scheduled for Aug. 11. Pennock is no longer employed by the MDOC.

The defendants are considered innocent unless proven guilty.

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